



Maricopa County

Environmental Services Department

To: Restaurant/Retail Food Owners and Operators

Subject: Reasons for Permit Suspension

Date: November 30, 2011

The Maricopa County Environmental Services Department's standard operating procedures have outlined several reasons that a food establishments operating permit may be suspended. It is the responsibility of the PIC (Person-in-charge) to take the appropriate actions by ceasing operations and notifying the Department for guidance if necessary. For more information visit our website:

<http://www.maricopa.gov/EnvSvc/AboutUs/HealthCode.aspx>

Permit Suspension Reasons

Failure to correct the following violations at the time of inspection may result in suspension of the permit:

- Sewage backing up at a permitted establishment and/or the inability to retain or properly dispose of sewage relating to Mobile Food Establishments. Note: if sewage is backing up outside an establishment rather than inside, permit suspension is still appropriate.
- Extended interruption (greater than one hour) of electrical or water service
- No functional hand wash facilities
- When a Priority Item cannot be corrected during the inspection of a Temporary Food Establishment or Seasonal Food Establishment.
- Inability to maintain TCS (Time/Temperature Control for Safety Food) foods at proper temperatures for food establishments.
- Apparent outset of a food borne outbreak at a food establishment. Note: this requires consultation and approval of the Environmental Related Illness Program.
- Flood
- Fire or activation of a fire suppression system
- Misuse of poisonous or toxic materials in such a manner that results in the direct contamination of food and/or food contact surfaces. Example: The

establishment operates a fumigation device to rid themselves of vermin while food and/or food contact surfaces are exposed.

- Other gross insanitary occurrences, conditions, or other circumstances that may endanger public health, as approved by the Regional Office/Program Supervisor

For more information regarding the 2009 Food Code please visit our website at: <http://www.maricopa.gov/EnvSvc/AboutUs/HealthCode.aspx> or contact a regional office.

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